

**Bengal Potteries Limited, Calcutta**

\*293. **SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:**  
**SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:**

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of West Bengal has requested the Union Government to rescind its earlier decision to denotify the Bengal Potteries Limited, Calcutta and implement the rehabilitation package under which the unit will be run by the management of the Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India;

(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the difficulties involved in reversing the earlier decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Discussions have been held with the representatives of State government of West Bengal, West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation, Industrial Reconstruction

Bank of India and Department of Economic Affairs (Banking Division).

(c) Substantial past financial liabilities, excess labour force, and uncertainty over acceptance of the products in the competitive market have to be taken into consideration before any decision.

[Translation]

**Production capacity of Fertilizer units**

\*294 **SHRI KASHIRAM RANA:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) the particulars of the fertilizer industries which have sought permission for increasing their production capacity during the last two years; and

(b) the action taken on each such request till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b). The particulars of the fertilizer industries which sought permission for increasing their production capacity during the last year and the details of the action taken thereon has been given below:-